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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is filed concurrently with the filing of an Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 41.36 and concurrently with the filing of a request for a two-month extension of time.

Kindly amend the claims as follows: